

Fewer Studees Hear Caruso in Puccini's 'Girl'

**Fine Performance of the
Opera Marred by the
Chatter of the Auditors
and Their Premature
Starting for the Exit.**

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING:

WHENEVER it is announced that Caruso is to sing at the Metropolitan Opera House, no matter what the opera, a crowded house is assured. There was one last night when "The Girl of the Golden West" was sung, but the studees behind the rail were less numerous than at any previous presentation of Puccini's latest work. Whether the fact has any significance is conjecture, but it must be recorded. The performance was as good as any that has preceded it. The great tenor, as Johnson, the road-agent, was in fine voice and acted very better; Jimmy Destinn excelled herself as Minnie; Amato, as Rance, the Sheriff, was as good as ever, and all the other principal singers and actors—Reiss, Didd, Dinn Gilly, de Segura, Bada, Roast, Ananian, Marie Matfield, Pini-Corsi and the rest of the cast—were at their best, while Toscanini conducted masterfully. From the beginning Mr. Belasco's melodrama was effective, and the writer, who at first was most sceptical, somewhat reluctantly admits that the music grows upon him with every hearing.

Two things marred the enjoyment of the evening, as they have marred the enjoyment of many previous evenings throughout the performance and the studees for the exits before the curtain falls. These evils are assuming such proportions that all true opera-lovers are incensed. Being modest, well-dressed persons, they feel impotent to protest themselves against either outrage. It is not easy for the management to help. For any individual to walk up his aisle, find an usher and demand that the offending person or persons be compelled to keep quiet takes courage. The writer would suggest an appeal to the studees. They are the only independent supporters of opera. Every one of them pays a dollar and a half for the privilege of standing from three to four hours, squeezed, jammed and trodden upon, to hear music. If they will exercise vigorously and pertinently the privilege of hissing the offenders, the rest of the house will soon get relief.

There is a precedent. In the early days of the seven years of German opera the box holders, indifferent to it, were used to laugh and chatter at will. But the occupants of the orchestra stalls, then real music lovers, revolted and by their hisses and shouts against the offenders—sometimes naming the box in which they sat—put an absolute stop to it. Now the box holders now, who, at least, are well-mannered, but the people in the orchestra, able and anxious to pay six dollars a seat, are the offenders. Can't they be suppressed? Shall the manners of the subway in commission hours continue to prevail in what we are taught to believe is the most important Opera House in the world?

**THE BARRERE ENSEMBLE
GIVES ANOTHER CONCERT.**
The Barrere Ensemble, that admirable organization of wind instruments under the leadership of George Barrere, the eminent flutist, gave its second concert at the Belasco Theatre yesterday afternoon before the largest audience that ever listened to it and was heartily applauded. An "Etlogue" by Howard Brockway, "At Twilight" and "An Idyl"

of "Murmuring Water," performed for the first time, found instant favor, the latter a most charming bit of musical composition. Andre Caplet's "Suite Persane," an Oriental conception suggesting dances from "Bumuran" and excerpts from "Madama Butterfly" was attractive. Besides these were a lovely "Pastoral Suite" by Bach and the "Aquarelles Hollandaises" of Christian Kreins, the charms of which Mr. Barrere has disclosed before. The instruments used were two flutes, two oboes, two clarinets, two horns, two bassoons, a bass clarinet and an English horn.

**ANTON WITEK AND HIS WIFE
HEARD IN JOINT RECITAL.**
Anton Witek, concertmaster of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and his wife, Wita Witek, pianist, gave a recital at the New Amsterdam Theatre yesterday afternoon before an audience of fair size. Mrs. Witek played the Beethoven sonata, op. 57, in F minor, and Liszt's "Reminiscences of Don Juan." Mr. Witek's individual numbers for the violin were Paganini's "Praeludium and Allegro," Tchaikovsky's "Serenade Melancolique," and Wieniawski's polonaise in A major. Together they played the Beethoven "Kreutzer" sonata.

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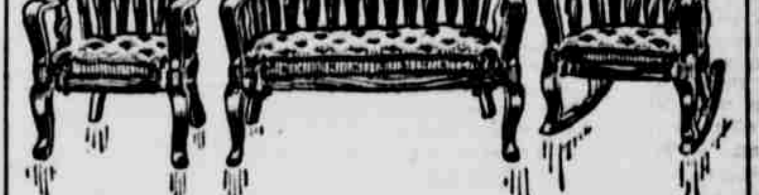
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